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1. FRONT PAGE COVERAGE GIVEN TO US REACTION TO LAETRILE
IN MEXCITY'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY, THE NEWS, ON MAY
3 AND 4. MAY 3 ARTICLE ENTITLED "MEXICO LIMITS LAETRILE;
OK'D IN FLORIDA, INDIANA," AND MAY 4 ITEM CAPTIONED
"LAETRILE CALLED 'WAVE OF FUTURE'."

2. DR. FRANCISCO DURAZO QUIROZ, DIR OF FOOD, BEVERAGES
AND DRUG DIV, SECRETARIAT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, COMMENTED
IN MAY 3 ARTICLE THAT PERMISSION TO MANUFACTURE LAETRILE
(AFTER TEMPORARY 90 TO 120 DAY PERMITS FOR EXPERIMENTA-
TION) HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED BECAUSE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE
TO SUSTAIN CLAIMS THAT IT CURES CANCER. HE FURTHER
STATED THAT SALE OF THESE PRODUCTS AS "CANCER CURES"
IN MEXICO-US BORDER TOWNS IS ILLEGAL AND HEALTH DEPT
AGENCIES IN STATES WHERE THESE SALES ARE BEING MADE HAD
BEEN ALERTED TO PROSECUTE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS,
AND OTHER OUTLETS.

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3. BOTH ARTICLES REPORT ON LEGALIZATION FOR MANUFACTURE
AND SALE IN INDIANA AND LEGALIZATION OF USE IN ALASKA
AND FLORIDA. THOMPSON

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